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Examiner: William Moore

Art Unit: 1652

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUING PROSECUTION
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (Continuing Prosecution Application) of prior Application No. 09/147,947, filed on March 24, 1999, for NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE, by the following named inventor(s):

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Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

(a) Full Name	_____
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(c) Full Name _____

The above-identified prior application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all other applications in the same file wrapper.

1. Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
2. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this CPA, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(b). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
3. Enter the amendment previously filed on __ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.
4. The election made previously in the prior application does not carry over to this application.
5. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
6. Small entity status is hereby claimed.
7. The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 5 above:

CLAIMS					
	No. of CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	48	MINUS 20 =	16	× \$18.00 (103) =	288.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (102) =	84.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					\$1,112.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,112.00

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8. This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
9. A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
10. Charge \$ 1,112.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
11. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
12. Priority of Application No. 9-213969, filed on July 24, 1997, in Japan (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
 The certified copy of the priority application
 is enclosed.
 was submitted by the International Patent Bureau in PCT/JP98/03324.
 has not yet been filed.
13. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 -This application is a continuation divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/147,947, filed on March 24, 1999, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP98/03324, filed on July 24, 1998.--
 -This application is a continuation divisional of U.S. Application No. ___, filed on ___, which was a continuation of International Application No. ___, filed on ____.
14. Also enclosed ____.
15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P..
 - a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - c. Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent ____.

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- d. Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner William Moore (Fax No. 703-746-3169) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 2002.

Date: July 1, 2002

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